

August 8, 2019

Fire Academy Graduation 2019-1

On Wednesday, July 24, four of our recruits graduated from the first 2019 fire academy hosted by Sunnyvale DPS. Recruits spent the past 17 weeks learning and developing their skills in areas such as fire suppression, property conservation, auto-extrication, technical rescue, basic HAZMAT operations, and community service. About 600 hours of instruction were provided with the assistance from members of DPS. What's next? Our four recruits will be attending the 26 week police academy at the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Police Academy in Dublin. For more information, contact Captain Jim Choi at hchoi@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



New 15 Mile Per Hour Speed Zones at Public Schools in Sunnyvale



Sunnyvale City Council approved the establishment of 15 mile per hour speed zones at qualified locations adjacent to the 16 public schools in Sunnyvale. The Department of Public Works (DPW) installed 15 mph school zone at Nimitz, Stockmeir and Vargas Elementary Schools during the 2018 Winter Break. In the summer of 2019, DPW is continuing to install 15 mph school zones at the remaining 13 public schools in Sunnyvale. All installations will be completed by September 2019. The reduced speed is required when children are present. For additional information, contact Department of Public Works at 408-730-7415 or pubworks@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Save the Date: 2019 State of the City

Join us on Saturday, September 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Downtown at Murphy Avenue to celebrate all the great things happening in Sunnyvale. The event will include a variety of fun and informational activities for the entire family, including the Mayor's State of the City Address, Community Awards presentation, live entertainment, free activities, community resource tables and more. For more information, contact 408-730-7800.



Sunnyvale's Top 30 Projects Status and Updates

Since the launch of the [Sunnyvale Top 30 Projects Summaries](#) tool in October of 2018, it continues to serve as an instrument to keep City Council and the public informed of top projects through meaningful quarterly updates. The Project Summaries page has been updated for this quarter and now ready for public viewing. Additionally, residents will be able to learn details of each of the projects and view past updates to stay on top of projects that are of interest to the community.



DPS Graduates Three New Dispatchers from South Bay Regional Academy

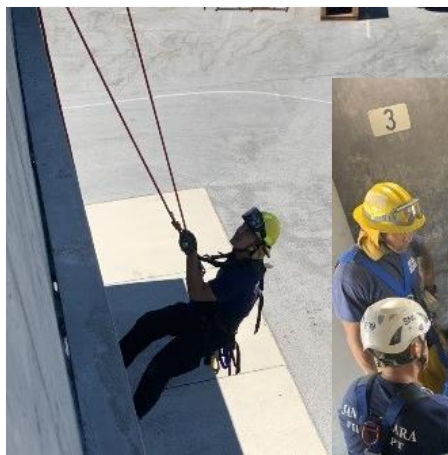
On July 26, three dispatchers completed the South Bay Regional Basic Dispatch Academy. The course is a 120-hour program that consists of training in procedures for both phones and radio, the legal aspects of the profession, stress management and crime recognition. The course follows the new dispatchers having completed their National Academy program for Emergency Medical Dispatching and Emergency Fire Dispatching protocol. These courses require a significant amount of learning in a very short timeframe with challenging final examinations.



The new dispatchers: Marisela Campos, Sheila Kerns and Armando Ramirez have now entered their next phase of training. This phase will start with working in the dispatch center with on-the-job training of call-taking procedures. As they progress, they will move into fire dispatching on the radio then to police dispatching. The program is designed to be completed in approximately 12 months. For more information related to the dispatch training please contact Captain Jeff Hunter at 408-730-7220 or jhunter@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

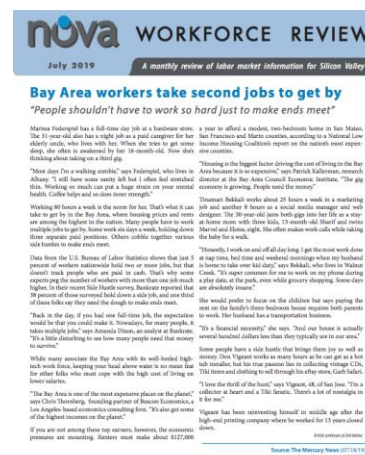
Rescue Systems 1 Training

During the week of July 7, Senior Rescue Systems Instructors from the Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and Palo Alto fire departments hosted a joint 40-hour intermediate technical rescue and urban search and rescue course at Fire Station 2. During this training, fire personnel learned the use of ropes, knots, rigging and pulley systems; descending, rappelling, belaying tools and techniques that are used to rescue patients during catastrophic events that are above and below ground. This advanced training fosters our ongoing relationships with our neighboring fire departments within the county. For more information contact Captain James Boone at jboone@sunnyvale.ca.gov.



NOVA Workforce Review Released for July

On a monthly basis, NOVA produces a [Workforce Review](#) report that aggregates data from the recently released [State jobs report](#) for the NOVA eight-jurisdiction consortium. The July edition includes the article titled, “Bay Area workers take second jobs to get by” that describes the experiences that many Bay Area workers are facing working multiple jobs just to make ends meet, given the high housing costs. According to a National Low Income Housing Coalition’s report, a renter needs to make \$127,000 a year to afford a modest, two-bedroom home in San Mateo, San Francisco and Marin counties. The unemployment rate for the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area was 2.7 percent in June, up from a revised 2.2 percent in May. The state unemployment rate was 4.1 percent in June, up from 3.5 percent in May.



NOVA Hosts Industry Panel: Technical Project Management

On July 24, the NOVA Business Services team hosted an Industry Trends Panel on technical project management. This was an opportunity for experts in the project management field to share their knowledge, experience and tips with NOVA job seeker customers to assist them in gaining access to these growing, high-wage occupations. Panelists included representatives from the Silicon Valley chapter of the Project Management Institute (PMI), UCSC Silicon Valley Extension that offers credentialing in project management, and the staffing agency Experis. The panel discussed hiring trends, skills that employers seek, how job seekers can close the skills gap, and advice for transitioning to this field from other occupations and industries. The event was held in the Sunnyvale Council Chambers and was well attended given the widespread interest in project management. For more information about NOVA Business Services, visit the [NOVA website](#).



Dancin' Downtown Summer Salsa Events

Columbia Neighborhood Center hosted free “pop-up” Salsa lessons for beginners and intermediate students at Plaza del Sol on July 12, 19 and 26. An average of 50 people attended each class, with a total estimated attendance of 313. After each class, the floor was open to all with music from a DJ.

Salsa Nights in the Plaza served as a preview of the upcoming fall Salsa classes at the Columbia Neighborhood Center, 739 Morse Ave. Classes for beginners will be on Mondays, while intermediate level classes will take place on Fridays from 7 to 8:30 p.m., August 5 through December 20. For more information, contact 408-730-7800.



Space Camp Summer Reading Celebration

Sunnyvale Public Library's Space Camp has closed the bay doors on a successful mission! More than 750 people created Yoda ears, learned about how the Sun travels, and heard how stinky space can be. Former astronaut Stephen Frick blasted off the event with a talk about his experiences in space.

Space Camp was the keynote event of the Library's space-themed 2019 Summer Reading Program. Adults, teens and children can still travel out of this world by participating in the program and winning prizes until August 31! Learn more about the [Summer Reading Program](#).



Years of Blight and Hoarding Resolved at Single-Family Home

Neighborhood Preservation (NP) has had numerous code violation cases pertaining to outside storage, junk and debris, weeds, inoperable vehicles, lack of landscape maintenance, and dangerous hoarding conditions at a single-family home in Sunnyvale. NP staff has issued numerous compliance notices and administrative citations due to non-compliance. In 2017, NP staff inspected the residence and determined it was unsafe due to the unsanitary conditions and accumulation of debris. The resident moved in with a nearby relative.

NP, Building Safety, and Office of the City Attorney staff began a two-year collaborative effort to clean-up and rehabilitate the entire property, with assistance from two Santa Clara County public agencies. In July 2019, the home was deemed safe for human occupancy. A supervisor from the County commended Building Safety and NP staff for their efforts and said that they likely saved the life of the elderly resident. For more information, contact Sr. Neighborhood Preservation Specialist Steve Frias at sfrias@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7613.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Map-drawing Training and Technical Assistance Workshop for District Elections



Join us Tuesday, August 20, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Office Complex, Computer Training Center, 505 W. Olive Ave, Suite 315. Creating district maps is a key step in the move to district-based elections. You will be able to create and submit your proposed maps of new council districts for Sunnyvale. Learn about the legal requirements to create council district maps and receive technical assistance to draw your own map. Come share your ideas on how the Council district boundaries should be drawn.

For more information, visit SunnyvaleElections.org.

Technology Business Expo

The City, in partnership with Google and the Sunnyvale Downtown Association, will host its fourth annual Technology Business Expo on Thursday, August 29, 2019 at 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the 100 Block of Historic Murphy Avenue in downtown Sunnyvale. The expo provides Sunnyvale businesses an opportunity to demonstrate technology products developed in our community. Some of the confirmed exhibitors are:

- 23andMe
- Clover Networks
- Facebook
- Kodable
- LinkedIn
- Physiocue
- Waymo

Please join the City for this fun and free event. For additional information, contact Maria Rodriguez at 408-730-7702 or mrodriguez@sunnyvale.ca.gov.

Sunnyvale Housing Strategy: Age Friendly Housing Open House

Thursday, August 15, drop in anytime between 6 and 7:30 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom, 550 E. Remington Dr. The community is invited to join us for the next Housing Strategy Open House! This Open House will provide information about age-friendly housing in Sunnyvale and seek public input on potential policies and programs to improve and promote housing for elderly people and people with special needs. If you have any questions please contact Jenny Carloni, Housing Officer, at jcarloni@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7250.



Public Engagement Meeting for a Village Center Precise Plan - Fremont Corners Shopping Center

Thursday, August 22, 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sunnyvale Community Center Ballroom, 550 E. Remington Dr. True Life, the applicant, is beginning the process to prepare a Village Center Precise Plan for the Fremont Corners Shopping Center located at the southeast corner of the intersection of W. Fremont Avenue and Sunnyvale-Saratoga Road. The first step is to work with the community over the next 8-12 months to envision potential land uses and design features for a new Village Center. This will be the first Visioning Community Meeting. The public is invited to hear more about the project and process and share their ideas for future design guidelines and land use standards. For more information contact Cindy Hom, Project Planner, at chom@sunnyvale.ca.gov or 408-730-7411.

SUNNYVALE IN THE NEWS

[Sunnyvale: The heart of Silicon Valley](#)

KTVU - July 26, 2019

[Community shows support at car wash for Stephen Romero](#)

KRON - August 3, 2019